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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a fifth non-final Office Action ("Fifth Office Action") dated June 17, 2004, in which the Examiner rejected all pending claims 1-39, 41, 43, and 45 as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) in view of cited art. Applicants traverse the prior art rejections and submit that all pending claims 1-39, 41, 43, and 45 are patentable over the cited art for the reasons discussed herein.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2.